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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM SCHAUFLE

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SUBJECT: NOV 3 MEETING WITH COMMONWEALTH OBSERVER

1. E. C. ANYAOKU, THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT
OBSERVER, CALLED ON ME AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 3.
MEETING WAS NON-SUBSTANTIVE AND SERVED BASICALLY TO
ESTABLISH CONTACT.

2. ANYAOKU DESCRIBED THE SECRETARIAT'S ROLE HERE
AS OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO THE NATIONALISTS. TWENTY-
ONE ADVISERS, PRIMARILY LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL
EXPERTS, HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE AFRICAN DELEGATIONS;
6 TO NKOMO'S AND 5 TO EACH OF THE OTHERS. IS ASKED HIM
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ABOUT POSSIBILITIES OF A FUTURE LARGER ROLE FOR THE

COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT DURING THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT.
HE RESPONDED THAT THE THOUGHT WAS OBVIOUSLY IN HIS
MIND BUT THAT DISCUSSION OF IT NOW WOULD BE
PREMATURE. "CERTAINLY IF THINGS TAKE THE TURN
LOGIC DEMANDS, THEY WILL NEED AN UMPIRE," HE SAID.

3. ANYAOKU HAD NOT HAD TIME TO ASSESS THE IMPACT
OF THE FAILURE OF NOV 3 MORNING MEETING TO TAKE
PLACE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD UNDERSTOOD THAT THE
DIFFERENCES AMONG THE NATIONALISTS CONCERNING THAT
MEETING WERE NOT SUBSTANTIVE, BUT RATHER STYLISTIC
AND TACTICAL.

4. I EXPLAINED TO HIM OUR SINCERE DESIRE TO SEE
THIS CONFERENCE SUCCEED, OUR WILLINGNESS TO USE OUR
INFLUENCE TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME AND THE
BIPARTISAN SUPPORT WHICH OUR SOUTHERN AFRICAN POLICY
ENJOYS IN THE U.S.

5. IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION, I SAID THAT I
DID NOT ATTACH MUCH IMPORTANCE TO SMITH'S DECISION
TO RETURN HOME AND THAT I ACCEPT HIS STATEMENT,
THAT HE IS READY TO RETURN TO GENEVA.CATTO

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